

COMPREHENSION CHALLENGES

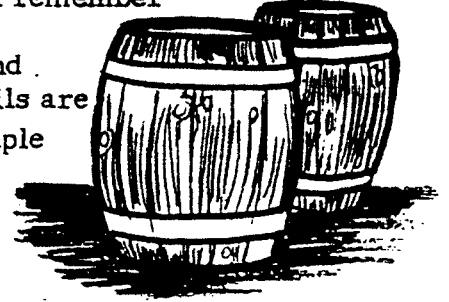
November 5th is a holiday in Great Britain. This is the day the British remember Guy Fawkes.

Guy Fawkes was a traitor who tried in 1605 to blow up the King of England, King James I, and his government leaders. Guy and his friends managed to store 36 barrels of gunpowder in the basement under the Parliament House where the King and his leaders were to meet. However, the plot was discovered just before the King entered the Parliament House.

Guy Fawkes and his friends were tried and executed for their behavior.

To this day, throughout England, both young and old remember this "Gunpowder Plot" and celebrate its discovery.

Boys and girls use dolls to represent Guy Fawkes and dress and paint them to look like this character. These dolls are then taken to public places like subway stations. For a couple of days before the holiday, the maker of the "Guy" says to each person as he passes, "A penny for the Guy?" The passerby looks at the doll and if he thinks the doll is ugly, offers the boy a penny.



The evening of November 5th families and friends gather to celebrate. They build large bonfires, sometimes pretend to burn effigies (stuffed dolls) of Guy Fawkes and his friends, share good food, and display fireworks.

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1. The best title for this selection is:
 - (a) British Holidays
 - (b) The Gunpowder Plot
 - (c) Guy Fawkes Day
 - (d) Dolls for Guy
2. The traitor in this story plotted against:
 - (a) the queen
 - (b) England's ruler and advisors
 - (c) the lords
 - (d) the House of Commons
3. The plot was a:
 - (a) success
 - (b) nuisance
 - (c) failure
 - (d) worthwhile effort
4. The makers of ugly dolls receive:
 - (a) francs
 - (b) well wishes
 - (c) pennies
 - (d) rude stares
5. As a result of the plot against King James I and his Parliament, Fawkes was:
 - (a) complimented
 - (b) put to death
 - (c) made a national hero
 - (d) given a reward
6. An effigy is a word for:
 - (a) a crude figure representing a hated person
 - (b) a funeral speech
 - (c) well-fed dolls
 - (d) a bonfire
7. The word that best describes Guy Fawkes' standing with his country is:
 - (a) conspirator
 - (b) friend
 - (c) hero
 - (b) adventurer
8. If the plot had succeeded, Guy Fawkes Day would:
 - (a) be celebrated today
 - (b) not be celebrated today
 - (c) have been forgotten
 - (d) would have been world celebrated